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**ACTING CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER  
APPOINTED AT FERC**

Thomas R. Herlihy, Director of the Office of Finance, Accounting and Operations, will take on additional duties as Acting Chief Information Officer until a permanent appointment is made, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman James J. Hoecker announced today.

Mr. Herlihy replaces Katie Hirning, who left last month to become Deputy Director of Vice President Al Gore's National Partnership for Reinventing Government.

Mr. Herlihy is a Certified Public Accountant with a B.A. degree from Northeastern University and a M.Sc. in Information Systems from George Mason University.

The position of Chief Information Officer was created in early 1998 to oversee all IT applications with the express goal of reducing regulatory burdens, cutting processing times, simplifying filing processes, and generating better information for use by industries and the public.

These activities are an integral part of FERC First, the Commission's major reengineering undertaking.

The Chief Information Officer oversees the Commission's internal network, its automated systems, and various innovations under way at the Commission, such as electronic filing by regulated companies and outside parties.

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